

The Province of Ontario, with a population of over two and a half millions, the largest in the Dominion has been excellently well governed through a single House during almost half a century that has elapsed since Confederation. Only two provinces now maintain a Legislative Council as well as a Legislative Assembly. In Prince Edward Island the two Houses were amalgamated, so adjusting a long standing difficulty that for long had defied settlement. It was between real estate interests and those that had a right to vote but owned no land. The conflict between the two interests became at times very serious. An attempt was made to settle the trouble by having two elective chambers. The real estate owners elected the Legislative Council, and those who owned no land elected the Lower House. Still there was trouble. Then a compromise was effected by abolishing the Legislative Council and having one House elected by the people under different franchises. Each constituency elects two representatives. One of these is voted for only by those who own land, and the other by ordinary manhood suffrage. It has worked like a charm, and a trouble which bid fair at one time to cause serious conflict has been settled, and apparently settled for ever.